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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Premier

ONE of the last vows made in the short political life of Mr Hatoyama, the former Japanese Prime Minister, was that he would be succeeded by a young man. His statement, in May, promptly drew attention to two middle-aged, but by Japanese standards, up-and-coming politicians, Mr Ichiro Kono and Mr Nobuaki Kishi. That the mantle of Premiership has now fallen on Mr Tanzan Ishibashi, aged 72, will come as no surprise to those familiar with Japanese politics. Besides, he is a year younger than his predecessor.

Mr Ishibashi is less the most eligible candidate than the least objectionable. The multifarious factions and pressure groups within the parliamentary lobbies agree, possibly in one respect: they desire no radical change. Another Mr Hatoyama, but one in better health, another "caretaker" seems to fit the bill nicely. The attitude may appear decadent to Western eyes but with the Socialist minority on the increase and recalcitrant groups within the governing party against entrusting leadership to inexperienced hands, Mr Ishibashi's election is not surprising.

NO major changes in policy are foreshadowed, except that where no very effective economic policy existed before the country may expect to receive one from Mr Ishibashi. He has had a long and fairly distinguished career as a political economist and recently vacated the Ministry of International Trade in the Hatoyama Cabinet. One matter calling for attention—though it does not appear to be a particularly controversial subject now—is trade with Communist China.

His only promise so far on this question is that "Japan will continue to strengthen economic ties" with Peking. Inevitably politics—domestic and foreign—enter into this question and these may restrict Mr Ishibashi's scope. He is said to be independent and though he denies being anti-American it would be idle to pretend that his government's relations with Washington will be free of friction.

MR Ishibashi certainly disagreed sharply with United States occupation policy on a number of occasions. His opinion of General MacArthur as an administrator bordered on contempt. It does not seem to help matters that a relation of the General's, Mr Douglas MacArthur II, has been appointed ambassador in Japan. Admittedly this appointment was announced before Mr Ishibashi's election was settled but it would seem that there is a case for the appointment of one less likely to excite unnecessary speculation of "spills" between the two governments.

The new Premier has announced that although "we will not be overly pro-American, we will tie up with the United States." It was not good, he added, for Japan to say "yes" to everything the United States proposed. This statement characterises his hard-headed realism. Though independent, he is well aware of Japan's need to preserve economic and political ties with America. Policy will therefore be governed by these factors. A general view then is that Japan will pursue in the main the course followed by Mr Hatoyama. Relations with Russia have now been normalised and the country is represented in the United Nations. Its alignment with the two world blocs may be expected to be fluid—possibly it will slide "in" or "out" with the West on the most issues, without alienating itself from the Communist bloc, but positively supporting neither.

And Now A Triumph For Hungary's Freedom Fighters? RED TROOPS 'VANISHING'

BUDAPEST MOVES SPARK RUMOURS

GOVT MAY BE BROADENED

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Budapest, Dec. 27.

More Russian troops vanished from strategic points throughout Budapest today and reports persisted of "behind the scenes", political manoeuvres aimed at broadening the Soviet-backed Hungarian Government.

Peasants Asked To Work In Coal Mines

Paris, Dec. 27.

Peasants in southern Hungary have been asked to work in the coal mines at Pecs during the winter months to keep production going, Budapest radio reported.

The radio said that work in the mines could not be carried out because of the shortage of labour.

The mines, said the radio, have appealed to peasants in the southern areas of the country to report for work at mines during the winter months. —France-Press.

'MILLION MEN IN SIBERIAN HELL'

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The last Japanese repatriates from the Soviet Union, who returned yesterday aboard the Japanese vessel Koan Maru, today described conditions of imprisonment in the Kolyma prison camps, northern Siberia as "hellish."

The repatriates from Kolyma said the prisoners in the Siberian camps included Japanese, Germans, Poles, Hungarians, and Ukrainians. They estimated the total number of prisoners at about 1,300,000.

The repatriates said the Soviet authorities treated the prisoners in Siberia as "vicious criminals."

Prisoners were forced to complete ten hours hard labour every day.

Most of the inmates of the Kolyma camps were engaged in mining uranium, gold, chrome, manganese and other metals in the Siberian highlands.

Temperatures in the area frequently dropped to 50 degrees below Centigrade, the repatriates said. —Reuters.

Fair Exchange?

Tel Aviv, Dec. 27.

Dr Louis Galland, Red Cross representative in Israel, announced tonight that the Israeli Government had offered to exchange 5,500 Egyptian prisoners of war against four Israeli prisoners held by the Egyptians. —China Mail Special.

OLYMPIC WALKER'S WIFE WINS 'FREEDOM MARATHON'

Darwin, Dec. 27.

Mrs Theresa Somogyi, wife of Hungarian Olympic walker Janos Somogyi, arrived today with their two children in Australia today after a marathon walk into Australia.

Janos Somogyi was on his way by air to Melbourne last month when he learned of the

Observers said they saw no armoured cars patrolling the slippery, snow-clad streets today, but occasionally infantrymen in radio trucks drove past. All main army barracks in the capital appeared to be occupied by Soviet troops.

The Russians appeared to be gradually withdrawing more vehicles and troops daily from guard-points throughout the city.

Deliberately Timed

One theory circulating in Western diplomatic circles was that the Russians' apparent withdrawal was deliberately timed to coincide with the publication of a "policy programme" by the government, officially stated to be due in the next few days.

The programme is expected to state government policy on withdrawal of Soviet troops, free elections and position of other political parties and is designed, according to government sources, to provide a basis for negotiating the present all Communist Government headed by Mr Janos Kadar to include non-Communists.

Usually well-informed sources said there were signs of increased activity among members of the smallholders party and it was rumoured that the party's Secretary-General, Mr Bela Kovacs, was expected to return to Budapest from his home in Pecs, South Hungary.

Along Polish Lines

United Press, Budapest, said that according to unspecified Western observers the Soviet Union may let the Hungarian government adopt a "new look" policy along Polish lines.

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Paper's Prediction

Budapest's only afternoon newspaper, Est Hirlap, predicted the revival of private enterprise. It said measures would be issued "according to the needs of the population."

Informal sources said the Russians could regain some of their prestige in Hungary by granting concessions in the matter of government and troops now.

They said Kadar wanted to make a New Year's Day policy statement outlining the plans for the future. —United Press.

Israel Plans To Pipe Jordan Water To Negev

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.

Work on a pipeline to carry Jordan River waters to the Negev wastelands will proceed at full speed, it was announced last night.

The first task for early 1957 will be excavation of a main tunnel from the Lake Galilee area and erection of hydro-electric power station on the shores of the lake.

A budget of \$4,000,000 for the project has been assured for 1957 and 1958. The power plant is to be obtained from Germany.

Concrete Pipes

A factory near Ashkelon is producing 108-inch concrete pipe for the main line and seven-inch pipe for a supplementary line. The main pipeline involves blasting a seven-kilometre tunnel through Menasse Hill, near Megiddo. This is expected to take five years. When completed, the project is expected to provide enough water for the Negev wastelands to permit settlement of several hundred thousand farmers. —United Press.

Jordan To Take Red Arms?

Paris, Dec. 27.

The Jordan Premier, Soleiman Nabulsi, said today his country was now ready to accept arms from the "Eastern bloc", Cairo radio reported.

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STATE DEPARTMENT VISITS FRUITLESS SO.... BAGDAD PACT ENVOYS MAY CALL ON EISENHOWER

Washington, Dec. 27.

The Ambassadors of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan are expected to request an appointment with President Eisenhower at the White House in January to urge more United States support for the Bagdad Pact policies in the Middle East, it was learned today.

These Ambassadors or their counsellors have visited, separately or together, at the State Department nearly every week in the last two months to urge that United States policy emphasise strengthening the Bagdad Pact and show more recognition of the friends of the United States in the Middle East.

These Ambassadors have all urged the United States to join

NASSER SAYS 'EDEN TRIED TO FORCE EGYPT INTO ALLIANCE'

London, Dec. 27.

President Nasser today alleged that Britain had tried to force Egypt to join the Bagdad Pact.

He said that in 1954 he told Sir Anthony Eden that he opposed the Bagdad Pact and preferred an alliance of Arab countries only, and that if any aggression happened "we would ask for help."

"Eden naturally thought of Russian aggression," he replied that if the Russians committed aggression we would ask you for help and if you should attack we should ask the Russians.

THEN A REFUSAL

By 1955 Britain refused to deliver armaments unless Egypt agreed to the Bagdad Pact and an alliance with her. Then "incidents between Egypt and Israel became more frequent," Egypt "felt the threat" and turned to the Soviet Union who "put at our disposal armaments with no conditions attached."

President Nasser said Egypt agrees to international co-operation over the Suez Canal but is "against anybody's domination, even under the guise of international management."

Moscow Radio quoted him as saying at an interview he gave Soviet journalists in Cairo yesterday that he wanted Soviet-Egyptian friendship to "develop and strengthen" and that these relations "further diminish the possibility of a great war breaking out."

The Suez Canal, he stressed, form part of Egypt and "if they tried to take it away from us, that will be interference in our internal affairs which we shall decisively resist."

WORLD OPPOSED

On the Anglo-French military action, he said "it has become clear that the threat of colonialism as a military force is diminishing; the world will not permit it to have recourse to military force."

President Nasser described as "hitting us in the face" the decision by the United States, Britain and the International Bank not to provide a loan and aid towards the building of the proposed Aswan Dam because the Egyptian economy "was unstable."

The main result of the Anglo-French "aggression" was the "demonstration of the strength of Arab nationalism" and "many more results will become evident next year," —Reuters.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE H-Power From A Russian Failure

London, Dec. 27.

A machine which may put Britain ahead of Russia in the race to harness the power of the H-bomb for industry is being built at Harwell, Britain's atomic research station.

Known as a "Giant Torus" it stems from disclosures about Russian H-power research made by Dr Ivan Kurchatov, the Soviet atom chief, when he visited Harwell eight months ago.

Kurchatov made these disclosures because he was confident that the experiments he described would come to a dead end.

HARWELL HOPES

Harwell scientists now think they will be able to complete the Russian experiments and release H-power on a small scale with the new machine.

The Russians failed to control the intense oscillations which they generated in their machines to produce the enormous temperatures needed to make H-bomb fuel release its energy in small amounts.

Kurchatov told Harwell scientists he considered the difficulty could never be solved. The "Giant Torus" is expected to prove Kurchatov was mistaken. —London Express Service.

NEW FAR EAST NAVAL CHIEF

London, Dec. 28.

Vice-Admiral Gerald Gladstone, Commander Allied Naval Forces, Northern Europe, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, Far East station, the Admiralty announced today.

Admiral Gladstone, who was appointed second in command, Far East station, in 1953 before his present post in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, succeeds Sir Alan Scott-Moncrieff. The appointment will be effective from next October. —Reuters.

INDONESIAN CONFLICT INTENSIFIES

South Sumatra Not To Pay Taxes

Paris, Dec. 27.

The conflict of authority between Djakarta and the Indonesian island of Sumatra intensified today with the announcement of southern Sumatra's "fiscal secession".

The Governor of the Southern Province, M. Winarno, today announced that taxes in the area under his administration would no longer be sent to the central treasury.

At the same time, people leaving southern Sumatra from now on are not allowed to take out with them more than 5,000 rupees each.

Governor Winarno justified his decision by the discontent of the population with the slowness of reconstruction work by the central authorities.

ANARCHY POSSIBLE

In a veiled allusion to the situation in the rest of the island, the Governor said this discontent could have led to demonstrations and anarchy.

The funds kept back by the province would, he said, be used for the construction of roads, bridges and military installations.

Indonesia draws two-thirds of its foreign money from southern Sumatra, where the Shell and Standard Vacuum Companies have oil wells.

Indonesian political circles are now predicting two outcomes from the crisis: either a "presidential government" led by President Sukarno himself, or a "caretaker government" under the former Vice-President Mohammad Hatta. —France-Press.

Moscow Students Criticised

London, Dec. 27.

Some Soviet University students are being influenced by "ideas alien to their motherland," it was stated at a conference of the Moscow City Communist Party Committee, Moscow Radio said today.

The radio, quoting Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, said the conference called to discuss improvement

MALAYA JUNGLE AMBUSH: 8 DEAD

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 27.

The heroism of two Malayan private soldiers saved the lives of a comrade when Communist guerrillas ambushed 11 men of the Sixth Battalion of the Malay Regiment deep in the jungles yesterday, an official announcement said today.

After Communist bullets had killed eight of their comrades and wounded another, Privates Noorah, Bin Hassan and Ahmed Bin Udin, though badly wounded themselves, fought off 20 to 30 guerrillas until Gurkha troops came to their relief, said the announcement.

It said Bin Hassan and Bin Udin were riding in the second of two army vehicles when a hail of bullets from guerrillas in two hideouts, mowed down all the occupants of the first vehicle.

Stripped Victims

The guerrillas stripped the dead soldiers in the first vehicle of their weapons but Bin Hassan and Bin Udin kept them away from their vehicle with sten gun and rifle fire. When their ammunition gave out they took over weapons from dead and wounded comrades in the same car, the announcement said.

When the Gurkhas came to their relief, Bin Hassan was holding a mortally wounded comrade while Bin Udin, his shattered left arm hanging uselessly at his side, was guarding the vehicle with a rifle he was operating with one hand, the announcement added.

Of the eight dead men, six were killed immediately in the first burst of guerrilla fire. Two others were mortally wounded. Bin Hassan and Bin Udin, but one died as the Gurkhas took him to hospital and the other died later in hospital, said the announcement.

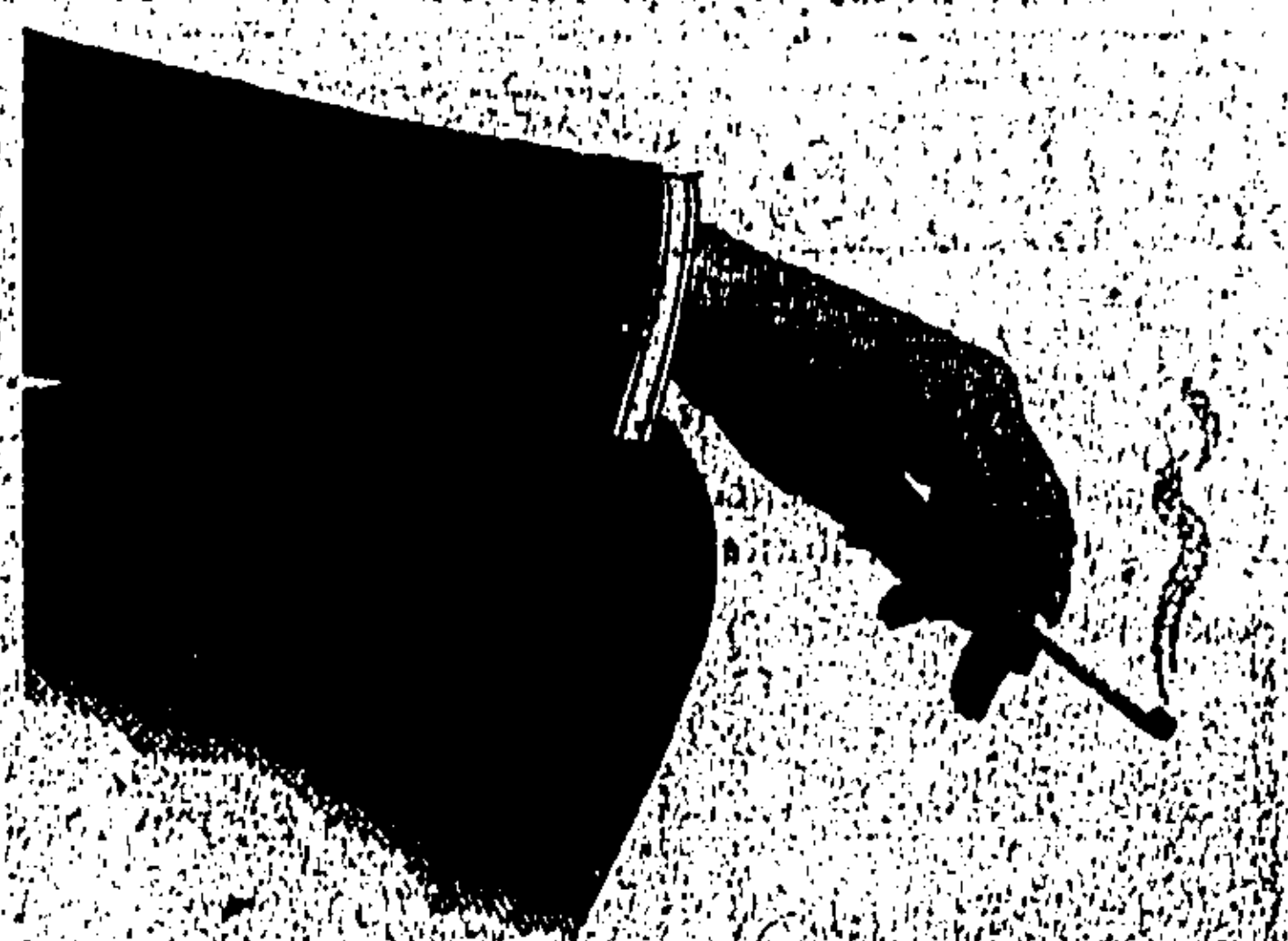
It added that one other man besides Bin Hassan and Bin Udin was wounded. —United Press.

Air Crash

New Castle, Penn., Dec. 27.

A two-engine plane owned by Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, crashed in flames just outside the city limits today killing the pilot and co-pilot. —United Press.

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HUNGARIAN MINISTER
ARRIVES IN LONDON



Imre Horvath, Foreign Minister of the Kadar regime in Hungary, is interviewed in London following his arrival from New York en route to Budapest. Meanwhile, a decree was published in Budapest allowing police to imprison without trial for up to six months any Hungarians "who threaten public safety and production."—Express Photo.

Home Comforts At South Pole

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, Dec. 27.
Eight Navy Seabees who spent a month at the South Pole said today they had all the comforts of home including hot showers, laundry facilities, telephone service to the United States and speedy air mail deliveries.

The Seabees were members of the Naval construction team building the scientific base at the South Pole. The base is to be used in connection with the International Geophysical year.

Temperature Range

"We didn't have to rough it," the Seabees told reporters.

Construction of the base was far ahead of schedule. It had been estimated that the job would take until January 15.

The Seabees said the base had virtually completed.

The men said temperatures ranged between five degrees below zero and five above with a high of 16 degrees above zero (Fahrenheit).

The effects of living and working on the 10,000-foot high plateau were negligible. The Seabees were acclimatized within a few days, they said.

One man said their toughest job was recovering material dropped from aircraft. The

snow surface was "well-packed" down a few inches, but underneath was of a sugary composition. He added it was "like walking around in a sugar bowl."

They said some of the heavier equipment plunged down some 20 feet into the snow.

The Seabees had no construction problems in erecting five permanent buildings and two temporary structures which will be incorporated in the completed base.

All buildings have electric power and plumbing facilities and virtually completed.

Snow Tunnels

The buildings will be connected by snow tunnels to permit unhampered operations after the heavy snow comes.

The Seabees said one of the mates they left behind talked to his wife in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, 9,000 miles away on Christmas Eve. Thomas F. Montgomery, the team's radio operator, was hooked up with the telephone system in the United States through a ham radio operator.—United Press.

LOCUST SURVEY IN INDIA

Washington, Dec. 27.

Locusts and helicopters entered the diplomatic picture in Washington today as Indian Ambassador, Mr. G.L. Mehta, made a survey of the possible use of helicopters for pest control in affected regions in his country.

The Ambassador, accompanied by Brigadier-General P.C. Gupta, Indian Military Attaché, made use of two US Army helicopters for a half-hour flight over the Washington area in winter weather.

The flight was arranged in line with research being carried out by the Indian authorities on the use of helicopters as a means of fighting the ravages by locusts, which cause untold crop losses in vast agricultural regions of the sub-continent.—France-Press.

The Pen-Malayan Missionary Society today decided at its meeting here to ask the Government to ban Western style dancing among Malayan natives.—China Mail Special.

CHANGING VIEWS

Discusses Events
With Nehru

Duesseldorf, Dec. 27.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, discussed events in the Middle East and Central Europe during an 80 minutes meeting at the airport here today.

Dr Adenauer said afterwards that the talks showed the two statesmen's views were in agreement and he would welcome further opportunities for such exchanges with Mr Nehru in the future.

The Indian Premier said he would be very happy to meet Dr Adenauer from time to time. Mr Nehru met the Chancellor during a stopover on his flight home from London to New Delhi.

Significant

Diplomatic observers considered it significant that Dr Adenauer stressed his wish to continue exchanges of view with Mr Nehru. Events in the Middle East and Hungary have convinced Dr Adenauer that new opportunities can be expected for progress in East-West relations, they added.

Twice in the past few days the Chancellor has referred to the movement which is stirring up the formerly rigid international fronts and in his Christmas message he said he hoped this might bring German reunification within reach.

Until now Dr Adenauer has always advocated a policy of strength through the NATO alliance as the only one offering hopes of progress towards reunification.

Observers consider that the apparent change in his views makes him more receptive than at any time in the past for the ideas of Mr Nehru on the possibilities of lessening international tension.

NATO Support

West Germany is expected to continue her policy of wholehearted support to NATO, but Dr Adenauer has said that he is also on the watch for new opportunities arising from the present world situation.

Mr Nehru's standing is at present at a very high level in West Germany and the great interest he arouses here was demonstrated by the large crowd which waited in snow and slush out by an icy wind to catch a glimpse of him at the airport.—Reuter.

Chinese Mission To Pakistan

Lahore, Dec. 27.

Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, said in Lahore today that he would send a technical mission to Pakistan since the Chinese could learn a great deal from Pakistani techniques.

Chou visited a Pakistani engineering factory and said he was much impressed by the high skill level of the workers and the standard of production.

The Punjab Union of Journalists today also held a reception for the Chinese journalists accompanying the Government leaders.—France-Press.

Foreign Aid Investigators Depart

Washington, Dec. 27.
A seven-man delegation, including four members of President Eisenhower's Citizens Advisory Committee, left here today by air for Madrid on the first leg of a round-the-world flight to see how 18 countries were spending United States foreign aid funds.

Mr Benjamin Fairless, head of the Committee and retired board chairman of the US Steel Corporation, told reporters: "We are going out to observe at first hand the effectiveness of what our country has done in the field of foreign assistance."

The Committee has been asked to report to Mr Eisenhower by March 1 on their finding and on any possible changes in foreign aid plans.—Reuter.

Moroccan Gets Life For Murder

Meknes, Dec. 27.
A Moroccan military court today sentenced Ali Ben Lahcen, a Moroccan, to life imprisonment with hard labour for the murder of two Europeans during riots in Meknes last October 23.

Another Moroccan, Ahmed Ben Driss, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for arson and violent robbery, and two others to three years and six months respectively, for failing to inform the police of the identity of criminals.

The attorneys for the defence were: a Frenchman, an Algerian and a Jew.—France-Press.

Canalisation Of Moselle

Luxembourg, Dec. 27.
Luxembourg's Parliament tonight approved by an overwhelming majority the Franco-German project for the canalisation of river Moselle.

Voting was 41, for, three against and one abstention.

M. Joseph Bech, the Premier and Foreign Minister, told the House that the implementation of the canalisation scheme will tighten bonds between France, Germany and Luxembourg.—Reuter.

Anglo-Malayan Loan Talks

London, Dec. 27.

TALKS opened today between a delegation from the Federation of Malaya, led by Finance Minister, Colonel H.S. Lee, and 11 British representatives, headed by the Minister of State for the Colonies, Mr John MacKay, on possibilities of a British loan of about £200,000,000 for Malaya.

The talks started with a general survey, including a review of

the five-year economic development programme, proposed for Malaya, and a discussion of the total figures involved, which have been kept secret so far.

British agreement on the loan is believed to be conditional on Malaya's expansion of its armed forces. Last week Britain agreed to keep British troops in Malaya to fight the

terrorists, but urged the extension of the Malayan army.

Tomorrow morning, the Malayan delegation will meet Defence Ministry representatives, who have asked for clarification of the army extension programme, it was understood.

Economic discussions will resume at the Foreign Office tomorrow afternoon.—France-Press.

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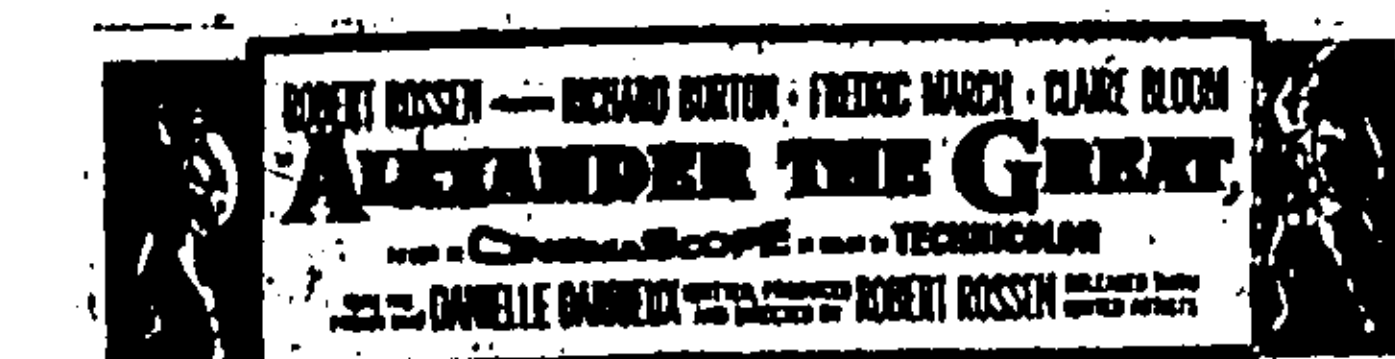
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Colonial Secretary Defends Suez Canal Action



LENNOX-BOYD

FREE PASSAGE NOT AT WHIM OF DICTATOR

London, Dec. 27.

Alan Lennox-Boyd, Britain's Colonial Secretary, said here today that Britain could not possibly have stood by and "let free passage through the Suez Canal be dependent on the whim of a dictator."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd was referring to the Anglo-French action in Egypt during his annual New Year's message on the British Broadcasting Corporation's general overseas service.

"In taking the action we did over Suez, we were bound to be influenced by the knowledge that the Canal was a vital supply line for the Commonwealth," he said.

Rubber And Tin

Malaya, for example, produces a third of the world's natural rubber and over a third of its tin, he said. Thirty per cent of her imports and three-quarters of all her rubber exports pass through the Canal.

"Given our responsibility for our overseas territories, we couldn't possibly stand by and let free passage through the Canal be dependent on the whim of a dictator; nor could we risk a general conflagration in the Middle East if we felt we had the power to prevent it," he added.

Espionage Charge

Stockholm, Dec. 27. A Russian-born Swedish engineer was arrested in Göteborg this evening on charges of espionage, it was reported here.

He was alleged to have admitted carrying out activities dangerous to territorial security.

—France-Press.

EXTENSIVE OPERATION IN ALGERIA

Algiers, Dec. 27.

French infantry troops supported by artillery units and helicopter-borne detachments today mounted an extensive military operation north of Tlatat which resulted in 10 Algerian rebels killed and five captured.

In the area of Dja el Mizon, an infantry attack ended with several rebels killed and wounded.

In the Constantine Department, an identity check led to the arrest of numerous suspects and the seizure of weapons and radio equipment.

Meanwhile three farms were set afire by rebels in the Sersou and Mascara regions.

LEADERS QUESTIONED

Meanwhile in Paris the four leaders of the Algerian National Liberation Front, who were arrested several months ago while flying from Morocco to Tunis, were questioned for the first time today at the Sainte prison by Major Giraud, examining magistrate for the permanent Paris armed forces court.

The four men, Brahim Bellal, Mohammed Khider, Ali Ahmed Hocine and Mohammed Boullaf, are charged with taking part in an organisation aimed at demoralising the French army and nation.

They were arrested when the plane in which they were flying from Rabat to Tunis was forced to land by French air force planes. The fifth Algerian National Liberation Front leader, Lacheraf, will be questioned tomorrow.

—France-Press.

Workers To Elect Manager

Paris, Dec. 27.

Workers of the Peking Shihchingshan iron and steel plant will elect their own manager in the second quarter of next year, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

A decision enabling workers to take a greater part in the management of seven state enterprises in Peking was reached at the recent conference of industrial staffs, called by the Peking City Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the agency said.

The Shihchingshan iron and steel plant will hold a workers' congress late in January to discuss work and plans, as well as questions in relation to workers' living conditions. It will also elect a management committee.

—France-Press.

ISRAEL PROTESTS OVER COMMANDO ATTACKS

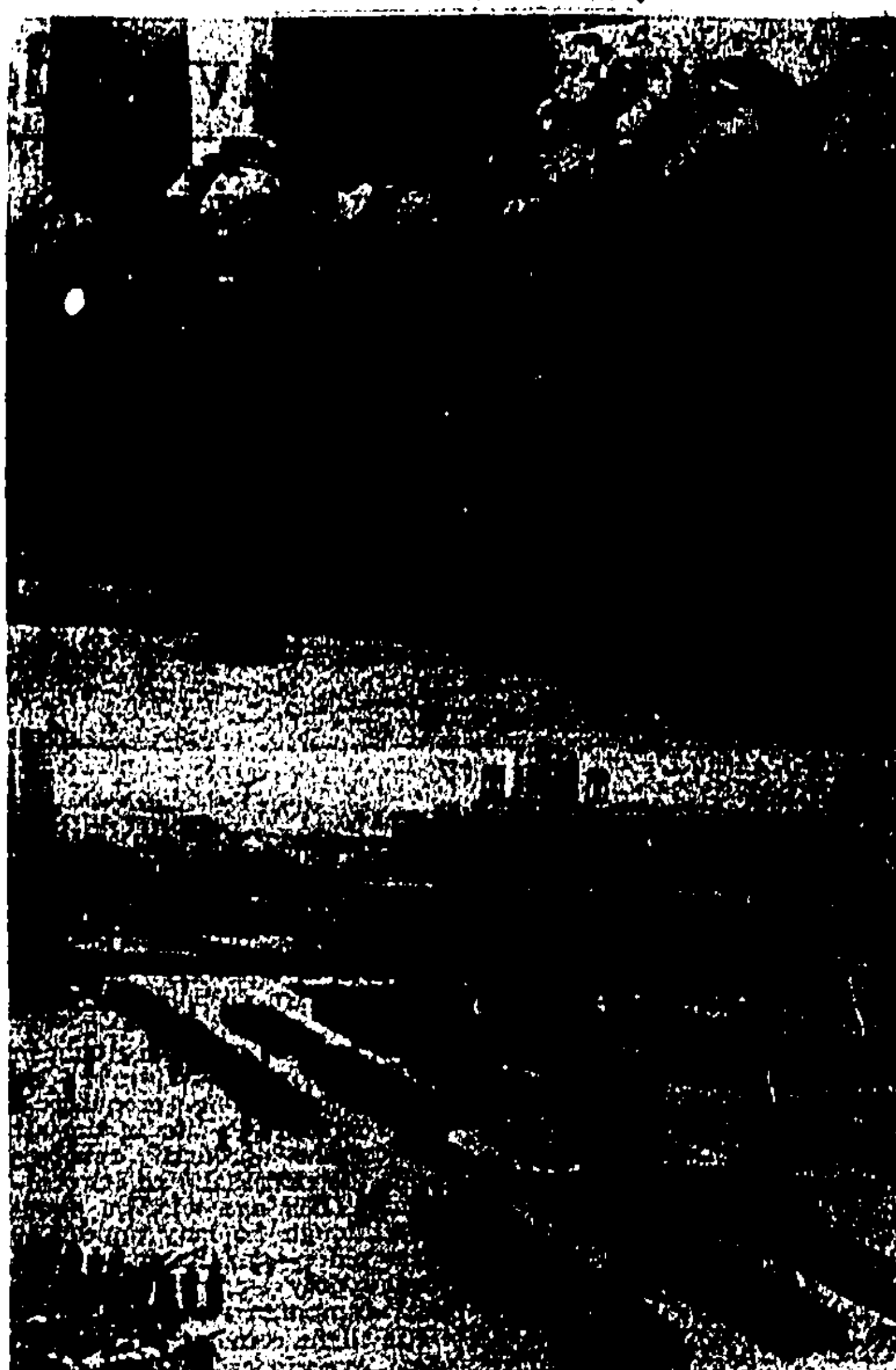
Tel Aviv, Dec. 27.

AUTHORITATIVE Israeli sources today said that the most recent attacks by Arab commandos constituted an "attempt at intimidation." They added that the attacks were aimed at the narrowest zone in Israel, between the Mediterranean and Jordan, only 15 miles wide, in Central Israel.

They considered that it was an attempt to force the Israeli government to withdraw from the narrow zone.

Austrian Conscription

Take Oath



In ceremonies throughout Austria recently, 18-year-old army conscripts took the oath of allegiance. Picture top shows French and Soviet military observers saluting a 3,000-strong march past at Vienna's Hofburgplatz after the ceremony; picture bottom gives a view of the march past. — Express Photo.

Nehru's Visit A Success

Washington, Dec. 27.

United Nations General Assembly Chairman, Prince Wan of Thailand, said today the recent visit to the United States of Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, had been "very successful."

"Certainly, the United States is much more appreciated and understood now by Mr. Nehru and India," Prince Wan said, adding "and that will have a good effect on the Afro-Asian group."

Prince Wan was speaking after a courtesy visit today to the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

After his talk with Mr. Dulles, Prince Wan said he was very optimistic about the United Nations prospects in 1957.

Favoured Formula

He said he favoured the formula, adopted particularly during the recent General Assembly debates on the Middle East crisis and events in Hungary, of the Assembly adopting resolutions drawn up in general terms, leaving their execution to the Secretary-General.

He said it was preferable that it was the Secretary-General, rather than a committee, who should put into effect the resolutions of the General Assembly.

Prince Wan also congratulated the American people on the support they had given to the UN General Assembly during recent months.

Speaking of his own work, he said: "I will try to keep the spirit of goodwill going."

—France-Press.

DRUNKEN DEPUTY SACKED

Moscow, Dec. 27.

Latvian voters have fired one of their deputies in the Latvian Supreme Soviet because he drank too much, the Communist Party organ Pravda disclosed today.

The newspaper said the deputy for the Dundovskiy Mountain district, G. K. Podolskiy, had been dismissed because "he was a drunkard and did not carry out the instructions of his electors."

"He did not justify the high confidence placed in him," the newspaper said. Pravda reported that a new deputy was appointed after a by-election, under the Latvian constitution voters are empowered to recall deputies if they fail to carry out their duties.

The party organ said that while most parliamentary deputies were satisfactory, voters had pointed out a number of "defects" in some delegates' work. The defects were not specified.

—United Press.

US Army May Reduce Size Of Divisions

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States Army announced today that it was seeking approval of a plan to streamline the size of its divisions to meet requirements of combat with atomic weapons.

The Army Department said it had asked President Eisenhower and Mr. Charles Wilson, the Secretary of Defense, for permission to reduce infantry divisions by about 3,700 men, airborne divisions by about 5,000, and make "minor" reductions in armored divisions.

Although division sizes vary in peace and war, an army spokesman said that at present an infantry division nominally comprised 11,455 men, an armored division 14,684 and an airborne division 17,100.

The re-organization of the smaller atomic size divisions would begin from January 1 if the administration approved, the Army Department said.

—China Mail Special.

PLANES FIGHT RAGING BRUSH FIRE

Malibu, Calif., Dec. 27.

Aerial tanker planes dropped chemical bombs today to help check an out-of-control brush fire which in a 24-hour period blackened 22,000 acres, killed one man and razed 50 structures in this film colony area.

A fleet of six tanker planes was thrown into the battle as winds slackened momentarily and gave weary fire fighters their first hope of bringing the disastrous, swift-paced blaze under control. It was the worst conflagration in 21 years in Los Angeles County.

Four firemen have been burned, none critically, and 60 others have suffered lesser injuries. More than 150 persons were homeless. Hundreds of others were forced to evacuate their homes, which ultimately were saved by the efforts of more than 1,000 fire fighters.

Once-fashionable

Early today, the fire burst over into Ventura County on its northern front. On the eastern front, which was headed for the heavily populated and once-fashionable movie colony at Malibu, fire threatened Malibu Inn and a cluster of 20 dwellings, all evacuated, a mile inland from the Pacific Ocean.

A dirty brown cloud of smoke above the 32-mile fire perimeter was visible from Hollywood, 26 miles from the fire's eastern front.

A force of 10 bulldozers fought along the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains to keep the blaze from spilling over into the San Fernando Valley, where roughly 1,000,000 persons reside.

Helicopter

The populated portions of the valley, however, begin about eight miles from the first front and fire fighters believed the blaze could be halted short of the scattered communities that dot the approach to the population hub in the centre of the valley.

The State Division Forestry Officer, Jack Burke, after a helicopter survey of the perimeter, said if the 40 to 60-mph winds of yesterday came again in the tinder-dry brush there could be no hope of control for three or four days.

—United Press.

Illiteracy Rate Cut In Portugal

Lisbon, Dec. 27.

Dr. Salazar Rebelo De Souza, State Under-Secretary for National Education, said today that illiteracy had been cut to one per cent among Portuguese children between the ages of seven and 11.

Before 1920 more than 71 per cent of this age group did not receive any education at all.

In 1940, the percentage was 46.2, in 1950 it dwindled further to 20.3 and in 1955 to a mere one per cent.

Dr. Souza spoke this afternoon to a gathering of national educators. Pointing to the strides made in adult education, he said: "When a project of such magnitude has to be started from nothing... it is not easy to produce perfect results." He pointed out, however, that this was made reasonably possible "thanks to the singular dedication and zeal of its helpers at great personal sacrifice."

—United Press.

Map Thieves

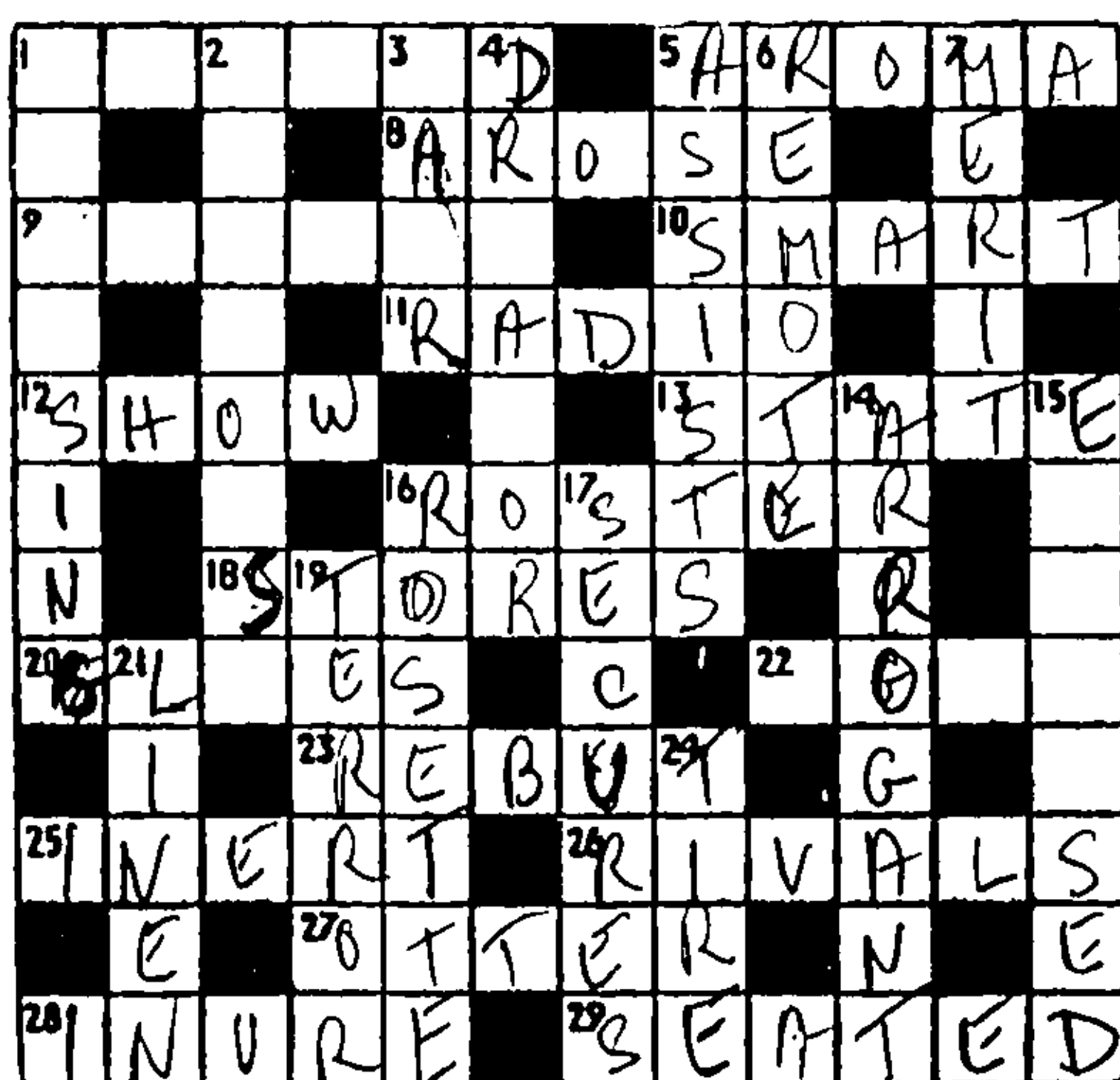
Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.

A Pittsburgh Grand Jury today indicted four persons for the theft of maps showing the location of unexploited oil fields in America and the Near East.

The four persons indicted allegedly had tried to steal the maps, which belonged to the Gulf Oil Company of Pittsburgh. Warrants for their arrest were immediately issued.

—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



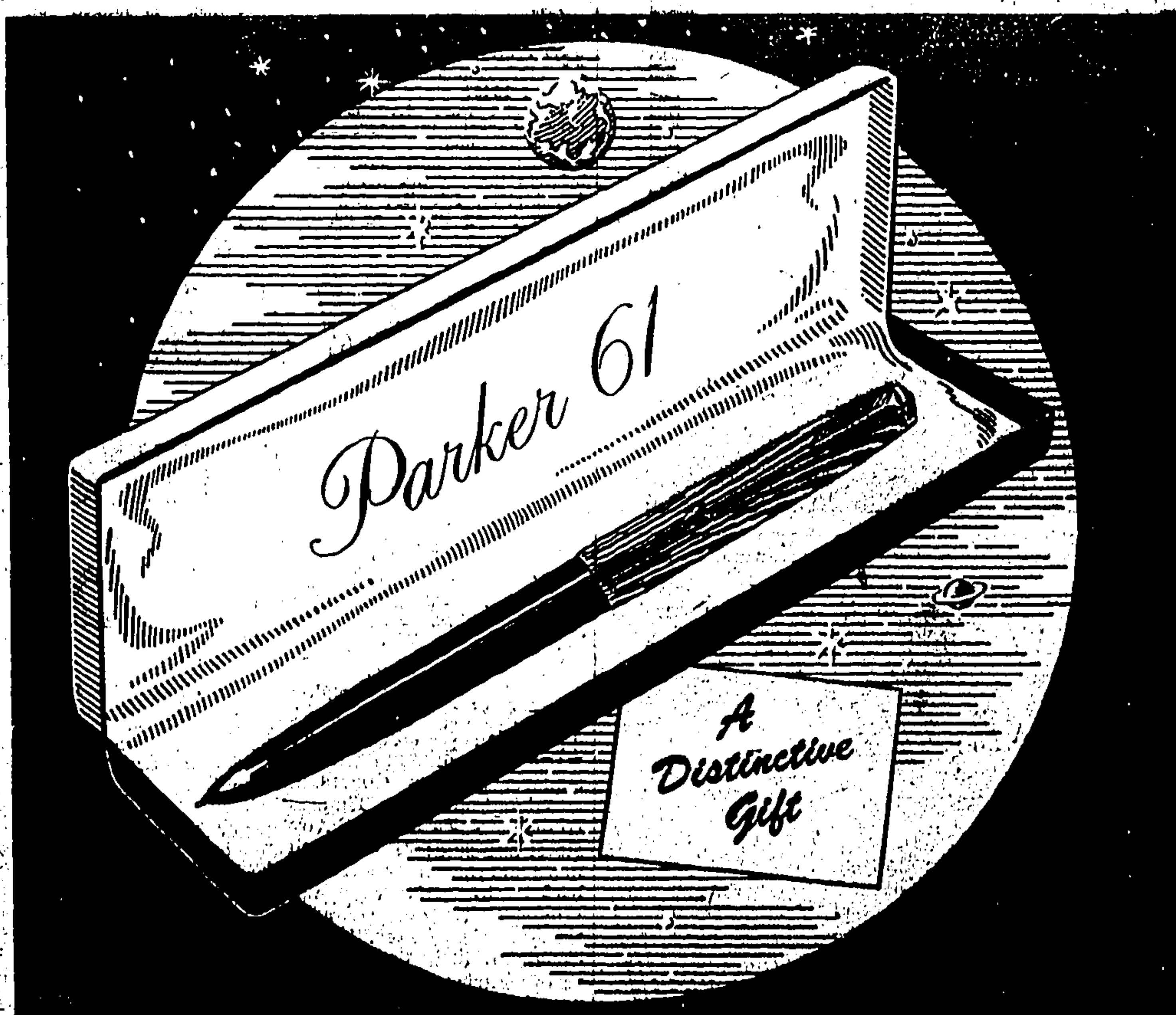
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 - Wireless set (5).
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 - Duty list (6).
 - Weights (6).
 - Part-songs (5).
 - Insect (4).
 - Refute (5).
 - Lifeless (5).
 - Competitors (6).
 - Amphibious animal (5).
 - Harden (5).
 - No longer standing for election? (6).
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- Confusing (8).
 - Reply (8).
 - Is such a cop a police-woman? (4).
 - Serious offence (7).
 - Helps (7).
 - Distant (6).
 - Deserve (6).
 - Overbearing (6).
 - Went into raptures (8).
 - Bunch of ribbons (7).
 - Fastens (7).
 - Extreme fright (6).
 - Material (5).
 - Fatigue (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Copied, 5 Lodge, 8 Vice, 9 Ringer, 11 Inset, 12 Retrows, 14 List, 16 Rabid, 18 Exile, 19 Mere, 20 Elders, 24 Alien, 25 Evers, 26 Apost, 27 Model, 28 Trumps, Down: 1 Cure, 2 Feet, 3 (5) Even, 4 Direct, 5 Lament, 6 Diffract, 7 Ekeout, 10 Pencil, 13 Decaim, 14 Limited, 15 Several, 17 Arise, 19 Modest, 21 Ever, 22 Trim, 23 Asks.

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The real-life serial by Tom Pocock

AS coffee bars go it is not smart. There are no turtan-trousered girls, no zebra-striped sofas, and no soft plucking of a guitar.

Instead, there are tired young men in slate-grey flying suits, shabby arm-chairs and, outside, the howl and boom of Sapphire jet engines.

The coffee bar caters exclusively for pilots of Fighter Command, R.A.F. Its customers lounge among a litter of flying boots, over-flowing ashtrays, helmets and oxygen masks, littered magazines and parachute packs. On the walls are silhouettes of Russian bombers and Brigitta Bardot. And the talk is on one subject: flying... flying...

These are the heirs to "The Few" of 1940. These are the young men who fly the Hunter jet fighters, once widely thought to be too fast and too powerful for squadron pilots to control.

These are the young men upon whom, in the last resort, the foreign policy—and possibly even the existence—of the British nation depends.

The new men

HOW does the modern fighter pilot compare with those men of 1940?

In some ways he is very, very different. In others he is much the same.

The fighter pilot looks and behaves like an intelligent, unimaginative, friendly, and ordinary young Briton of 22.

He is not a fashionable Angry Young Man. Rather, he seems akin to a down-to-earth Kingsley Amis hero. He is more representative of his countrymen than the idealistic "long-haired boys" who died with Richard Hillary, who described them so movingly in "The Last Enemy."

The fads

GONE with the intellectual fighter pilot is the gay spark who flew for fun. Both have followed the Black Prince's archers and Cromwell's Ironsides into the history books.

Drinking half-pints of bitter in the mess bar, the fighter pilots of 1956 could be eager medical students. The same spontaneous gaiety on the surface, the deep sense of responsibility beneath.

Most are grammar school boys. One or two pilots in the squadron may have passed through Cranwell, a few will have come from elementary schools and the ranks of the R.A.F., and here and there, a famous public school may be represented.

But in fighter squadrons, as in the Foreign Legion, social background counts for little.

A man is judged on his qualities as an aviator and a companion.

The squadron leads a corporate life. On the surface this is represented by fashions and fads. One squadron festoons its coffee bar with the severed ends of male visitors' ties and female visitors' petticoats.

Another favours desert boots. Captain Queeg's catch-phrase, "I kid you not—" is adopted

by one. Another suddenly prefers vodka instead of gin with tonic water.

A crime for gardening outside the squadron office may be replaced by one for croquet.

The squadron's life in the air and on the ground revolves about the personality of its commander. His age will be about 35—although he may appear 10 years older—and he may well be the only one of them to wear campaign ribbons.

His flight commanders too will seem experienced and mature—already men of authority at 27.

The pilots themselves usually join the squadron from the flying schools at the age of 20 or 21 and remain with it for two and a half years.

The arrival

CASUALLY, a squadron commander described the process of assimilation: "Chap arrives here full of the joys of spring. Thinks he's an ace fighter boy."

"We knock the nonsense out of him and he should be battle-worthy in six months."

There is, of course, so much more to it than that. The over-worked and hackneyed words leadership, loyalty, and team-spirit. The gradual build-up of mutual confidence.

You can see it in the eagerness with which a newcomer offers to make the coffee. You can see it in the thoroughness with which a dozen pilots will count and re-count his on the grass, long after they could have wandered off for a glass of beer and lunch.

You can see it in the way a squadron commander will purposefully give a position of respon-

sibility to an unsure and possibly nervous youngster.

Two-thirds of some squadrons have wives living on the station or in nearby villages. These wives have to come to terms with the demands of flight.

As other wives hear their husbands starting the car to catch the 8.15, these wives must listen to the rush and roar of starting gas turbines, which, before they can boil an egg, can thrust their husbands into the stratosphere.

How do these women face up to it?

Some are non-committal: "It's just another job," and "Oh, I suppose I'll get used to it."

Some are practical: "The dinner was always spoiling when Brian was late down. So now we have stew when he's flying so it's always ready."

One was almost poetic. She said: "It has made me very conscious of the sky. Just as the sailor ashore remains conscious of the sea beyond the harbour mouth. Just as the soldier automatically sees a potential battlefield in every landscape."

So these people live with the sky. They watch the shifting patterns of the clouds, the strength and temperature of the wind, and the colour of the sunset.

The wives

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SHARKS? What cowards they are

—says

Madame

Cousteau



MME. Simone Cousteau, 35-year-old wife of underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau, gazed out at the Thames from her suite in the Savoy Hotel and said: "I am much more nervous about flying back to Paris than I have ever been of anything under water."

Mme. Cousteau had flown over from Paris to see the premiere of her husband's Cannes Grand Prix winning film, "The Silent World."

Her underwater career started when she plunged into marriage at the age of 17. On their honeymoon she and her husband were swimming with goggles in the Mediterranean. Looking around at the strange world of fish and weeds Jacques Cousteau wondered what more there was to discover in the unexplored depths.

He has spent most of his life since then finding out. Mme. Cousteau has been finding out with him.

"Fish have very definite characters," she told me, "poor-poles are like dogs, they have human reactions. Octopuses are the friendliest creatures—but so shy."

"Oo-la-la," she laughed, "I look at them in an anti-shark case, but they are cowards at heart. Most fish are more frightened of me than I am of them."

Mme. Cousteau has just returned after ten months on the high seas alone with four other men. She travelled 60,000 miles through the Mediterranean, the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, on board the research ship "Calypso," during the making of her husband's film.

by SARAH
ROTHSCHILD

She does not appear in the film herself though she dived every day 100ft. with the 14 aqua-lunged frogmen.

"They did not want anything to distract attention from the fish," Madame explained. One strict rule aboard the ship was that no fish were to be speared or eaten, in case they would be frightened away and spoil the diver's observations. All food for the trip was stored in a deep freeze, and cooked by one of the crew.

Once they ran out of food in the middle of the Indian Ocean

and had to eat turtle eggs and then even the cat itself. The taste? "Rather like bad beer," said Mme. Cousteau.

Finally, they had to eat a giant grouper. This was "a cousin of 'Ulysses'—the name they gave to a fish which became so tame that it would not leave the divers. 'Ulysses' plays an important part in Mme. Cousteau's film.

Aboard the ship were several household pets: a Portuguese diving dog which Mme. Cousteau bought in Madeira, a dachshund called Bubbles, a large white cat with blue eyes, and a monkey.

"We once had a wild pig as a mascot but it was washed overboard by a huge wave."

When Mme. Cousteau and her husband are not diving they spend their time either in their studio, 200 ft. in the south of France, or in the south of France.

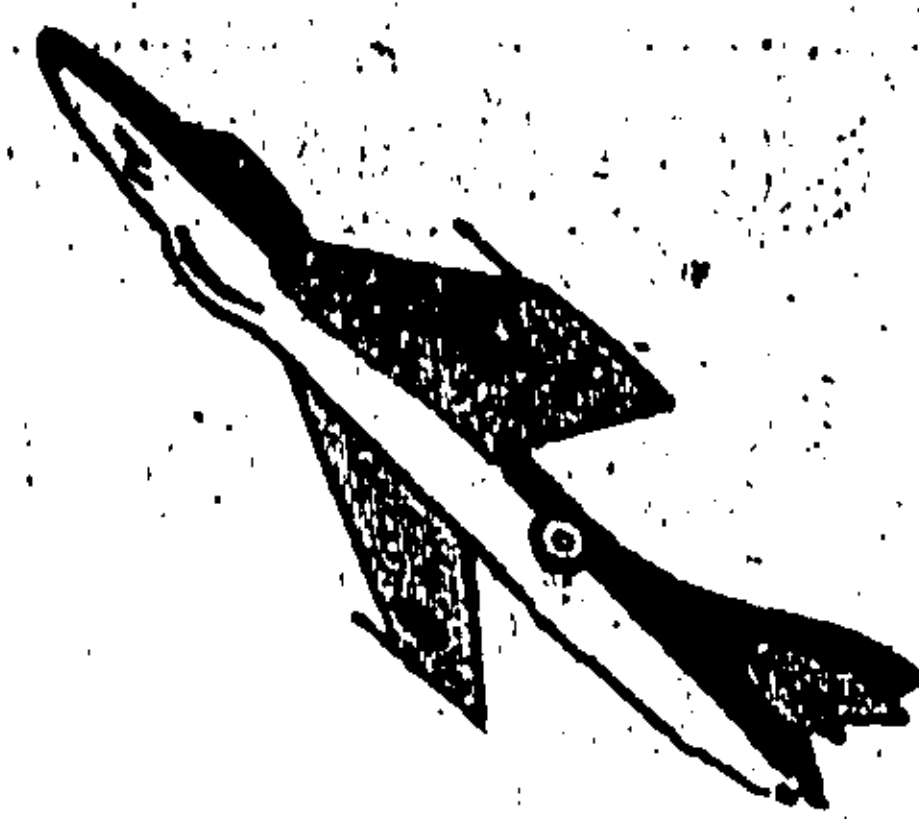
Then Cousteau begins to catch up on sleep. "Diving is very tiring. I usually need 12 hours sleep after a busy day under the sea."

The Cousteaus have two children, aged 16 and 18, who are studying at the Lycée in Paris. They learned to dive almost before they could walk.

When his son was five years old Cousteau tucked him under his arm, descended 20 feet in the sea, and let him go. "Ever since then," said Madame Cousteau, "Philippe has been a very good swimmer."

Mme. Cousteau's conversation stopped abruptly, like a cork out of a sparkling aqua-lung, and an anxious look came into her eyes. "I must go and do my packing," she said. "The thought of flying is shattering my nerves."

Feeling like a fish out of water, I left her to the kindly hands of her air-conditioned taxi which drove her to the



These wives must try to tolerate the violence of modern flight, if not to be excited by it. They must listen to endless talk of the air: American rocket-planes; the Vulcan crash; hydraulic and manual controls; the Gnat light fighter.

Even at the fireside they must often face a husband intently building a toy Hunter from a make-it-yourself kit. They always remember that in their husbands' work a mistake that will cause another man to be down £10 in his accounts could cost her man his life.

That is the invisible, immovable barrier that separates the Air People from us. The fact that death may come without warning, with obliterating instantaneous violence. Fatal accidents may not be frequent, but they are there—always to be reckoned with.

News of death in the air is received by pilots without sign of emotion. It's just: "I'm afraid we lost Alec last night."

Or if the dead man is not known to them: "One of the Hunters went in." Occasionally the remark is deliberately and brutally flippant: "The pilot? Oh, he's just a hole in the ground."

After the question, "Who was it?" comes, "How did it

happen?" Personal sorrow is hermetically sealed into the subconscious and the talk is all of cockpit checks, oxygen supply, and escape procedures.

Pilots will say that they all think: "It can't happen to me."

Baders? No

IN the face of risk, what makes these men fly? Patriotism? Love of speed? They find it difficult to put into words.

One told me: "No, I don't love flying—but after a week on the ground I'd give anything for a trip in a Hunter."

So there they are. Not Rupert Brookes, not Lawrence, not Baders.

Just plain, ordinary people doing an extraordinary job. And that, I think, is what makes them so wonderful.

TOMORROW

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BY-ELECTION POST-MORTEM

MELTON WAS A COMPLICATION

By LES ARMOUR

THE result of the by-election at Melton must have come to the Government, as The Times political correspondent put it, as a "disagreeable shock."

The Conservative majority dropped 8,418 votes to a marginal 2,862. If Conservative votes across the country dropped by that proportion in a general election, there could only be a handful of Conservatives left in the House of Commons.

But the unpleasant feelings of the Government probably do not stem from fears that will happen.

Melton is a special case. The question it must be asking itself is: Just how far are the conditions existing in Melton likely to be duplicated in other constituencies?

Some of them are not repeat-

Resignation

The by-election was caused by the resignation of Mr Anthony Nutting.

Mr Nutting was a clever and conscientious Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and the sort of man whom even his political enemies found it difficult to dislike.

Furthermore, he was in a particularly difficult situation. His major job was to represent Britain in the United Nations. In this capacity, he had constantly urged other people to obey U.N. decisions.

When the Government acted over Suez he felt his situation had become intolerable. It is, indeed, arguable that the Government's position would have been made considerably more

difficult had Mr Nutting been employed to eat his own words. Certainly, its case would have sounded less convincing.

He, therefore, resigned from the Government—but not from his seat.

After his resignation, he asked his local Conservative Association not to take any action until he had time to put his case to them. They ignored his request and passed a motion of no confidence in him.

Under these circumstances, Mr Nutting decided that he should resign his seat as well. Many people in Melton appear to think that he was treated very badly.

Opposition

The situation was also complicated by the fact that there was some local opposition to the new candidate, Miss Mervyn Pike.

In all, as many as 10,000 Conservatives stayed away from the polls. The Socialist proportion of the vote went up, but the Socialist vote did not. That is important.

At it is impossible to say whether many Conservatives stayed away because they opposed the Government's policy. No doubt some did. But which policy did they oppose? Did they oppose the initial intervention in Suez or did they oppose the decision to withdraw from Suez?

And if some opposed one and some the other, did the Government lose the votes of both groups or only of one. If the latter, which?

No doubt the Conservative Central Office will do its best to find the answers.

But one thing does seem reasonably clear. Conservative voters in Melton did not like seeing their MP deposed by the local Conservative Association.

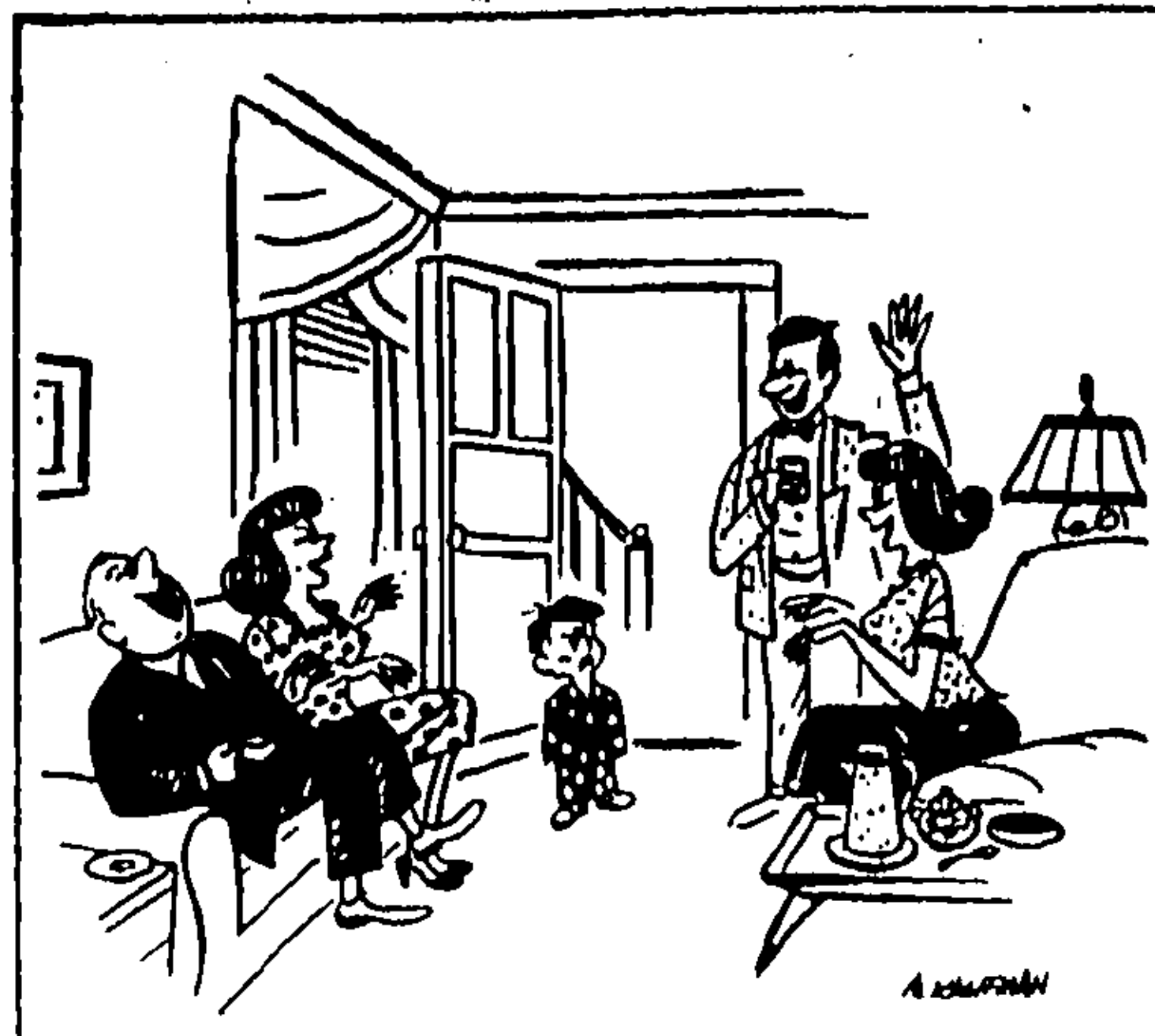
No doubt there are many Conservative leaders who are privately glad to discover that.

"Cornflakes taste
so much better with brown sugar
oh, Mummy"

It makes all
the difference

TAIKOO
SOFT BROWN
SUGAR

This Funny World



"If it's so cute now, how come you spanked me for it at the time?"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

DOGS who travel by train have always complained that they are feeling a hamon to get a lift at the platform.

The announcement that there are to be dog travelling facilities are to be lowered is evidently part of a campaign to popularize the railway. Will there be bookies and/or kennels supplied for long journeys, and will dogs be able to go half-fare? By the way, this restriction for dogs will lower the cost of living. With love to all those who will have to keep the dog in question at the ticket office.

TOMORROW: 14th Mortimer's Revenge; The True Story of a Tiresome Little Doll

Proceedings held up

THE BIRTHDAY of a child is a day of great importance. It is a day when the child is born into the world, and the family is enriched by the addition of a new member.

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Defenders Win Battle Of Wits

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE is no way to defeat today's contract if South guesses what is going on. When the hand was actually played, West managed to outwit South. East took the first trick with the ace of clubs and returned a club to declarer's king. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps and led a diamond towards the dummy.

West put up the ace of diamonds and returned the nine of spades through the dummy. This put South to the guess. Did West hold the king of spades or the queen of diamonds?

After a long pause, South decided not to risk the spade finesse. He put up the ace of spades and returned to his hand with a trump in order to try a diamond finesse. This lost to East's queen, and now the defenders could take a spade trick to defeat the contract.

It is easy to see that South could have made his contract by

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WOMANSENSE



"Bon Dix," a two-piece woolen outfit from Nina Ricci. The jacket features a big cape collar of beaver. The beaver hat is from Claude Saint-Cyr. — Agence France-Presse.

Drinks And Desserts For The Younger Set

By ALICE DENHOFF

SOME holiday food hints. Feature a deliciously flavoured beverage to serve to the small fry during the gladsome season, one that goes perfectly with any plain cookie or cake.

To serve 6, just seal 6 c. milk in a double boiler. Then add 4 or 5 tbsp. honey and 1/4 c. 1/2 tsp. ground ginger. Serve with a cream of whipped cream.

Create a pretty fruit bowl to adorn table or buffet. Cut off top of a large pumpkin or squash and remove pulp. Fill bowl with golden oranges, purple grapes, russet pears, yellow bananas, red apples, and add a colorful garnish.

Then make candy holders of novel candy, chosen for clear, golden skin. With an apple corer, cut a hole for candle in center of orange. Take care not to cut all the way through the fruit as the juice should not escape from bottom of orange. Place holly leaves about bowl and holders and scatter bits of holly berry twigs in between.

For a wonderful sweetmeat, combine 1/2 lb. semi-sweet chocolate over hot water. Combine 2/3 c. bran cereal, 1 c. raisins, 1/2 c. chopped nut meats and few grains of salt. Add to chocolate, stirring well until properly mixed. Drop by the teaspoonful on waxed paper. Makes 14 candies, 1 1/2 in. in diameter.

Turn freshly-baked cookies into holiday wreaths by brushing them first with egg white, then pressing bits of vegetable glycerine gumdrops into the egg whites.

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LEFTOVERS WILL MAKE POST-HOLIDAY GOODIES

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"THE holiday food bills have been so big. And now, all that remains is leftovers!" I can hear this from almost all homemakers, Chef," I said.

"It is understandable, Madame," he replied.

"The bloom, you might say, has gone from the turkey, the hors d'oeuvres, the pudding, the cake, the fruit. Leftovers do not look as inviting as the dish that was first prepared.

"But the leftover is equally valuable when regarded from the standpoint of the cost of the original amount. In business it would be called a by-product, carefully used to reduce costs that would otherwise be incurred. A professional chef makes these by-products into superb second day dishes. The homemakers can do likewise.

"What foods might be left-over today in many home larders, Madame?"

"Odds and ends of fresh or tinned fruit that could be put together to make a refreshing fruit cup. Oddments of several kinds of cooked vegetables which, when combined with a pound of chopped beef, make an interesting casserole. Scraps and broken pieces of coffee cake and cookies that can be used in making an apricot pudding."

DINNER

Fruit Cup
Chopped-Beef Mixed-Vegetable Casserole
Parried Potatoes
Apricot Pudding
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Chopped-Beef Mixed-Vegetable Casserole: Butter or margarine a shallow 2 qt. casserole. Season 1 1/2 lbs.



Bulky hearing aids with trailing wire will soon be out of date. The attractive rhinestone earrings worn here have been designed to hide an almost invisible hearing aid, powered by a battery no bigger than an aspirin tablet. It fastens into the hair with a small clip so

JOHANNESBURG TEST

ENGLAND 95 RUNS AHEAD
IN SECOND INNINGS
AT CLOSE OF PLAY

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.

After gaining a first innings lead of 53 runs, England struggled for runs on a wearing pitch in their second innings against South Africa on the third day of the first cricket Test today.

At the close, England were 95 runs ahead with seven second innings wickets in hand.

Score: England 268 and 42 for three wickets; South Africa 215.

South Africa, who opened well-placed with an overnight score of 91 for one, collapsed against England's depleted attack.

England were without fast bowler, Frank Tyson, who has

lost his leg, but all-rounder Trevor Bailey effectively filled the role of opening bowler, taking three for 33, including two wickets in three balls.

Brian Statham, the other pace man, claimed three for 71 and spinner Johnny Wardle had three for 53.

LAST THREE WICKETS

South Africa lost their last nine wickets today for 124 of which the last three wickets added 75.

England found batting difficult and unpleasant when they went in a second time. Opening bowlers Heine and Adcock made the ball lift unexpectedly.

In this last hundred minutes of the day, South Africa regained some of the initiative. With only 10 scored, Richardson was out and both Bailey and Wardle fell at 37.

THE SCOREBOARD

England, First Innings 268
P. E. Richardson 117 (M. C. Cowdrey 58, N. Adcock four for 50).

South Africa, First Innings

A. Taylor st. Evans b. 12

Wardle T. Goddard c. Cowdrey b. 49

Statham H. Keith c. Cowdrey b. 42

Bailey W. R. Endean c. Cowdrey b. 18

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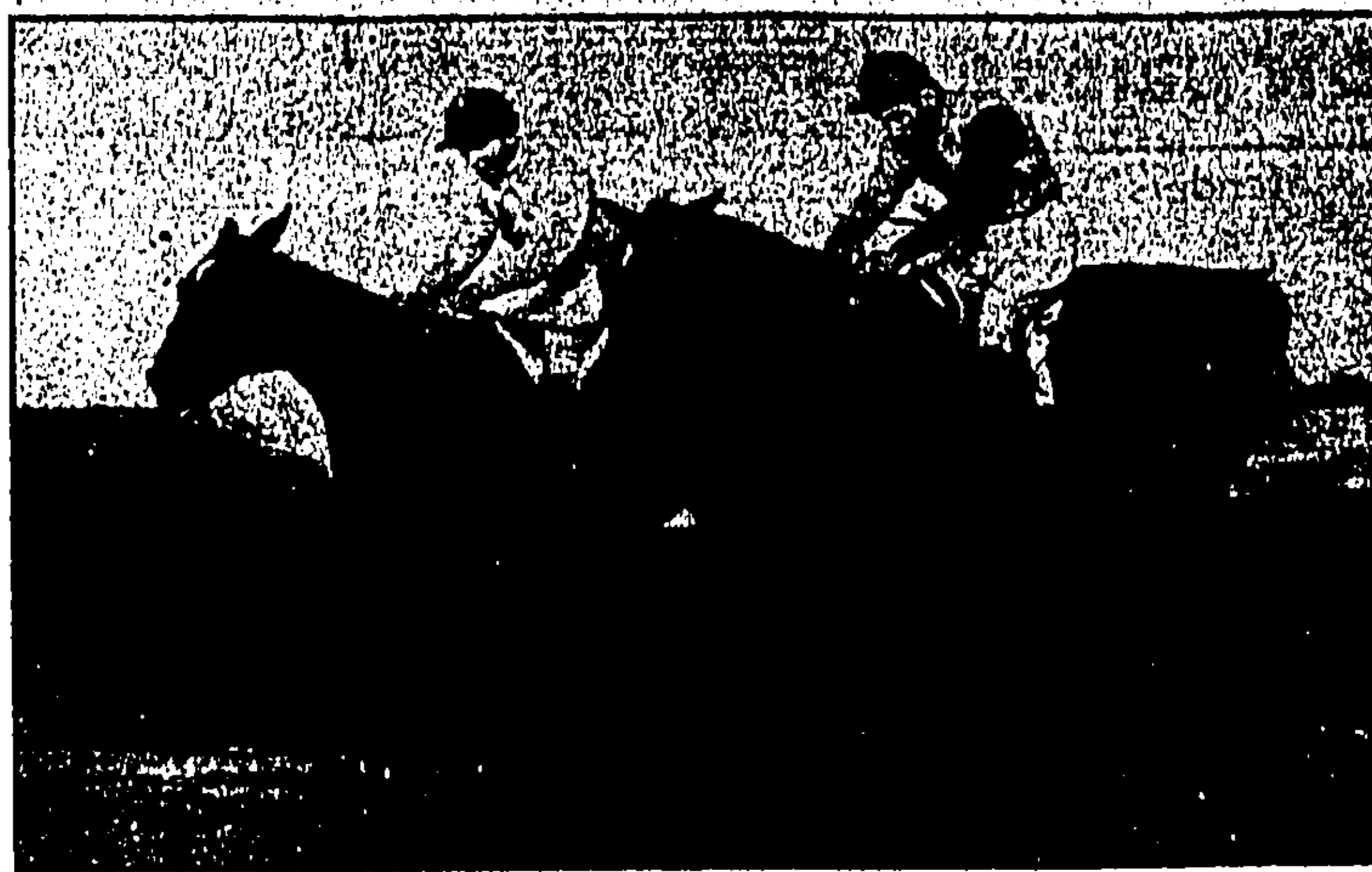
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DEVON LOCH BEATS EARLY MIST



Former Grand National winner, Early Mist, fought a lone race with the Queen Mother's horse, Devon Loch, who fell so dramatically at the end of this year's Grand National. This picture shows them both taking the last fence in the Ewell Steeple Chase at Sandown Park on Dec. 13—Early Mist (nearest the camera—B. Marshall-up), and Devon Loch (who won the race—R. Francis-up).

SOCCER NEWS

Bill Ridding Denies Rumours
That Nat Lofthouse Is
On Secret "For Sale" List

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Bolton manager Bill Ridding denies strong rumours that Nat Lofthouse, former England leader, is on a secret "for sale" list at Burnden Park.

"Nat played in the reserves after a five-week lay-off through injury, but he is back in the League side now," the Bolton manager told me.

"Nat preferred to prove his worth in the second team."

Thirty-year-old Lofthouse, one of England's greatest centre-forwards, is a one-club man. He joined Bolton from school in 1933.

Another shock for the already depleted Norwich City supporters is the news that Ken Oxley, one of the best young goalkeepers in the country, has asked for a move.

Norwich, desperate for cash, have agreed to let him go.

Recently paid £22,000 for Reg Matthews, Norwich will want five figures for Oxley.

THE BEST BUY

The £4,000 Sheffield Wednesday paid Burnley for left winger Dave Carrigan represents the best buy of the season.

Less than three months ago Carrigan was in the Services—a Burnley reserve without much future since Brian Pilkington, one of England's bright young things, held the first team job.

Now demobbed, and enjoying full-time football, Carrigan has played himself into Wednesday's first team and the favour of Hillsborough regulars.

Only a week ago manager Eric Taylor turned down a bid from a First Division club for Carrigan which would have shown more than a 100 per cent profit.

Carrigan, now being short-listed for a Scottish cap, is only 20.

If Trevor Morris gets his man, Cardiff City's replacement for Trevor Ford will be Johnny Corrie, 23-year-old Dundee United leader.

Tough, battling, and goal conscious, Corrie is Scotland's leading scorer at the moment.

The stocky Scot would fit into the Cardiff forward plan, especially with Gerry Hitchens moving inside as a second spearhead.

AT A FEE

Five years ago Rotherham could have sold right-winger Jack Granger to Newcastle for £25,000-plus.

Recently they could have sold him to Liverpool at a fee that would have ended all their troubles—grates are down to 12,000 and Rotherham are losing

money—but they still refused to part with their local idol.

"When they will—then the crowd will improve, so why should we sell?" says manager Andy Smalles.

A "gentleman's agreement" binds Young Scotland goalkeeper Willie Duff to Charlton on a free transfer.

If, however, Hearts want him back when he finishes his Army service in 18 months' time, he will return to the Scottish club without any fee.

Duff is stationed in London in the same unit as Cliff Jones, the Swansea star. Travelling difficulties prevented him playing regularly for Hearts.

With Charlton he gets the chance of first-class football and Hearts still have first claim.

Double trouble for Harry Evans at Aldershot.

First right full-back Bobby Gitchrist, a first teamer at 22, asked for his release because he wanted to return home to Glasgow.

The former Dunfermline youngster had just left the office when Bobby Milton, 21, and a right back too, bobbed up with a release request. He wants to go back home to Bury.

Coventry are also keen on a Lincoln City inside-forward.

TRANSFER FLASHES

Transfer flashes... Leeds are favourable to sign centre-forward Brian Handley when Google are out of the Cup...

Manchester United, Wednesday, Notts County, and Cardiff all want Dave Jones, 10-year-old Wrexham left-winger...

Sunderland are still in for Brighton's England "B" back Jim Langley... Aldershot fancy Barry Hawkins, Lincoln might be ready to part with the former Coventry leader...

Shortly before the game with Bristol Rovers the other Saturday, Grimsby signed Ron Rafferty, 22-year-old Portsmouth inside-forward... London Express Service.

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Haven't We Heard
This Before From
Jimmy Guthrie?

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Trevor Ford, ex-Cardiff and Wales centre-forward, the fiery leader who put fear into goalkeepers, isn't always, apparently, as outspoken as he showed himself to be when penning his soccer book.

He was called before the League Management Committee to answer questions relating to his accusations of widespread corruption and illegal payments in the game he left so suddenly after being dropped into Cardiff's reserve team.

But our Trevor wasn't talking. He declined—for the time being at any rate—to substantiate any of his allegations.

A funny interview, you might think, especially as Ford had dilled and dilled and only agreed to attend the meeting on the promise of first class expenses.

But after the meeting, during which Ford spoke of the law of libel and how it affected the question and answer business at hand, he announced the Ford three-point plan to clean up the game.

PROPOSALS

The proposals Ford will put before the League are these:—

(1) Players to be given three-year contracts, instead of the one-year agreements which operate now.

(2) On signing, players to receive a percentage of their transfer fee, the amount to be paid in three annual instalments to prevent windfall.

(3) Benefits to be made com-

pulsory after five years' service with a club.

Ford goes one further: "I will not give the League any information about the 11-11-11 counter deals I have said have been made without their assurance that they will study my plan."

Very good suggestions, no doubt, but haven't we heard all this before from Jimmy Guthrie? And in any case isn't he the right man to negotiate players' conditions with the League bosses?

Ford has said a lot of things about irregularities in the game. Yet when asked to substantiate them he declines to do so.

I think we all have a very good idea of what goes on in the world of big-business soccer. Ford's book didn't surprise anyone very much.

But many fans think that, having made his allegations, he should either substantiate them—or drop them.

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Britain's Two-Year-Olds Offer
No Better Hopes

Says JAMES PARK

Of the leading two-year-old colts in the Free Handicap, not more than five could reasonably be regarded as having stamina probability to fit them for the Derby. That lends point to the now accepted belief that we are breeding on the wrong lines.

It does not matter how one looks at it, the Derby is accepted as the race of the year, not only in Britain but in every part of the world.

It has often been said victory in the Derby puts £50,000 on the horse's name. I do not think that can be said of any other race.

A number of comparatively recent Derby winners never ran again, but success at Epsom ensured plenty of patronage when they went to the stud. Such is the fame and lustre attached to the Derby.

It seems to me that slowly but surely we are breeding a diminishing number of top class horses capable of staying a mile and a half.

I do not rate this year's Derby field as being within half of some I can recall, but we could not get one even in the first value is rated.

I cannot think we shall be in a stronger position next year if the Free Handicap is taken as a guide.

There is always the possibility of another Tulyar or Never Say Die coming from out of the rack, but it is only on rare occasions that happens.

I have ignored Red God and Signifies Hotel who are now in USA. In any case neither had any pretensions to staying a mile and a half.

Of the others who make up the leading dozen only Pipe of Peace, Eudemon, Crepeole, Mesmate and Nook Venture are bred on sufficiently stout legs to suggest they will be capable of staying the Derby distance.

IMPORTANT

In the course of the next few days I shall go into their credentials but I am afraid there will be little in the way of whole-hearted enthusiasm.

While blood lines have to be taken into account in trying to arrive at a stamina index there are other things to be considered. Important points are the style of galloping, temperament and the scope for future development.

Of the five I have mentioned I would not accord a 100 per

cent certificate to any of them, but we shall see how it works out when I go into the details.

OUTSTANDING

The fillics are not in much better plight. It is only on rare occasions that we find a filly so courageous as Sarcelle.

She is rated as much as 12lb. superior to the next of her sex in order of merit. That is a lot of leeway to make up so long as the leader makes normal progress.

How strong the opposition from France will be remains to be seen. My information is that while there are plenty of good-looking colts and fillies they have gone on beating each other in a bewildering manner.

The French Free Handicap has not yet been published but it will be of interest to see how Wayne II is rated.

He was beaten a neck in the Middle Park Stakes and that has earned him joint second place in our Free Handicap, 11lb below Pipe of Peace and on a mark with Eudemon.

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Sports Diary

TOMORROW

Boxing: Police v Club (HS) 3.30 p.m.; RAF v Army (HS) 3.30 p.m.; Army North v Navy (HS) 3.30 p.m.

Rugby: Eastern v R.A.P. (Club) 3.30 p.m.; South v R.A.P. (Club) 3.30 p.m.; St. Joseph's (Stp.) All matches at 3.30 p.m.

Football: Div. 1: South v St. Joseph's (HS) 3.30 p.m.; St. Joseph's (HS) 3.30 p.m.; St. Joseph's (HS) 3.30 p.m.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

'FREE TRADE PLAN CAN WORK'

EXPERT REPORT FOR OEEC IS COMPLETED

Paris, Dec. 27.

A free trade zone in Europe is technically feasible, according to the working party of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC). The working party of experts was set up by the OEEC Council of Ministers last July to report on this question.

It was learned today that the working party with Belgium's Baron Jean Charles Snoy as chairman has now completed its report. It will be studied by the OEEC Council of Ministers early in February. The report has not yet been published.

The Council of Ministers is expected in February to make a decision on whether to go ahead with negotiations for setting up a free trade area.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 27.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures closed today 50 points lower with sales of two contracts. The December traded at 37.40 cents a pound. This winds up dealings in the contract.

The rex contract closed 5 points higher to 25 points lower with sales of 203 contracts.

Standard contract closed 5 points higher to 20 points lower with no sales reported.

Terminal market interest divided between final December contract adjustments before its expiration at noon and concern over the political situation in Indonesia. After an initial rise of around 1/4 cent a pound, the market dipped below the previous close and then steadied again on speculative covering and dealer buying. The shipment market was mixed. Singapore offerings were limited.

Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted at 37 1/2 cents a pound.

SINGAPORE

The market opened steady on overseas advices. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 115-116 1/2
February 117 1/2-118 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 108 1/2-109 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb. Jan. 104 1/2-105 1/2
No. 4 rubber per lb. Jan. 101 1/2-102 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached 91-92
Blanket crepe 100-101
No. 1 pale crepe 107-108

LONDON

The market was quiet after steady with spot quoted at 32 1/2 pence.

No. 1 RSS spot 32 1/2-33 1/2
Settlement house term: 32 1/2-33 1/2
Feb. 32 1/2-33 1/2
Mar. 32 1/2-33 1/2
Apr./June 32 1/2-33 1/2
July/Aug. 32 1/2-33 1/2
Oct./Dec. 32 1/2-33 1/2
General markets, cif basis, ports: 32 1/2-33 1/2
Jan. 32 1/2-33 1/2
Feb. 32 1/2-33 1/2
Mar. 32 1/2-33 1/2
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thick Jan. 32 1/2-33 1/2

New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 27.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 6 points higher with sales of 103 contracts.

No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 to 4 points higher.

Unfavourable reports on prospects for the European beet crop and speculative buying broadened the world contract.

Trade reports indicated Russia had counted on buying about 200,000 tons of sugar from Poland, but it was believed Poland would not be able to fill the demand. By inference, it was felt this might channel some Russian buying to Cuba or other world markets.

Contract No. 4 (world):
March 4.85
May 4.81
July 4.78
September 4.75
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 4.75
Contract No. 6:
March 5.70
May 5.65
July 5.60
September 5.55
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 5.55

London, Dec. 27.

The working party was not a negotiating body and did not give technical answers to all problems. It was asked to report on possible forms and methods of association between proposed customs union of six European Coal and Steel Pool countries and other OEEC countries interested. Britain has expressed interest in the free trade zone proposal.

One of the problems of the association would be that in a customs union all goods move freely within the union and have a common tariff for countries outside the union. In the free trade zone all goods move freely inside the zone but countries in the zone keep their own national tariffs for countries outside.

ESCAPE CLAUSES

Experts of the working party also studied problems of transit trade, progressive diminution of tariffs towards free trade, escape clauses and agricultural problems.

Baron Snoy, chairman of the working party, is also chairman of a six-nation working party drawing up proposals for a common market between six countries—China Mail Special.

BANK LENT MORE THAN \$500m

Washington, Dec. 27.
The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank) grew richer this year while lending the largest amount of money in its history.

For 1956 the Bank's estimated earnings are \$48.5 million compared with \$38.9 million in 1955. This raised total bank reserves to \$153.4 million.

The Bank loaned \$497.4 million during the year. This was the first time the \$500 million mark was exceeded and the total compared with the previous peak of \$408.5 million in 1953—China Mail Special.

London Prices

London, Dec. 27.
Prices were firm on the London Exchange today in the quietest market in several years.

Activity centred in British Governments which had gains ranging from £1/10 in War Loan to £5/10 in Railway "B" nationalisation three per cent stock.

Leading industrialists were mostly sullen to a shilling higher with Ford Motors and Rolls-Royce both up several points.

Chemicals met strong support and oil shares climbed a little. Suez Canal met profit-taking on announcement of immediate salvaging operations being undertaken to clear the canal. It eased five shillings—United Press.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 34.60
Mar 34.50
May 33.97
July 33.71
Oct. 33.16

New York Cotton Futures Slow

New York, Dec. 27.

Cotton futures today held on an even keel around the previous close in another session of slow trading.

Year-end adjustments and routine mill covering, just about balanced off spot house selling and realising in nearby months.

New crop months were relatively neglected. Participation was restrained in face of uncertainties dealing with the Government support rate next year and operation of the soil bank programme.

The Producers Assn's expressed opposition to the programme and reportedly advised farmers not to sign up.

Other analysts reasoned that while increased payments might remove as much as 4,000,000 acres from the national acreage allotment, most of the eliminated acreage might be from low-yielding land and that cultivation may be intensified on higher yielding acreage.

The weekly report on the producer loan programme was scheduled for publication after the close.

The certificated stock remained at 2,700 bales.

Month Volume Open Interest
March 18,000 400,000
May 12,000 400,000
July 1,200 160,500
Oct. 5,000 144,700
Dec. 4,300 88,100
Mar 700 27,800
May 1,400 10,000
Total 48,000 1,259,000 bales

NEW ORLEANS

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Spot 34.60
Mar 34.50
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July 33.71
Oct. 33.16

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March 38.80
May 38.80
July 38.80
October 38.80
December 38.80

In the US the average spot price was unavailable. Sales totalled 29,303 bales—United Press.

WALL STREET FAILS TO RALLY

New York, Dec. 27.

Stocks managed another rather routine advance today which disappointed the experts who had anticipated a last minute spurt in the tradition of previous year-end rallies.

Even in the wider moving issues the market had an irregular appearance. Steels had some strong spots, and non-ferrous metals some soft spots, mostly lower and chemicals and oils mixed.

Selling appeared again as the market approached the 500-level in the industrial average which reportedly has resisted penetration in recent weeks. Many financial analysts feel this level must be overcome shortly if the market is to prove its basic strength.

expect January traditional time for reinvestment of year-end dividends and profits, will witness this feat.

The Industrials eased 36 point in their average on the late turn-down. Ralls held a gain of .60 point and utilities a .02 rise.

Trading around recent levels totalling 2,420,000 shares against 2,440,000 on Wednesday.

Bellevue and Lukens sparked the steels with gains over a point although the latter was well below its early high.

Chrysler fell a point. General Motors and Ford small fractions in the motor. Studebaker-

Packard in the late rush of large transactions topped the list on turnover for the day and picked up 1/4 to 3/4.

Of a total 1,218 issues traded 543 were lower, 405 higher, 270 unchanged. There were 10 at new highs and 61 at new lows.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,710,000. Volume was 1,000,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy. 19 1/2
Alden Chemicals 30 1/2
Alden Chlorine 30 1/2
American Airline 23 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power 14 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. 37 1/2
American Tobacco 12 1/2
American Copper 12 1/2
Armour 10 1/2
Atlas Corp. Mining 10 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 40 1/2
Bentley Cons. 10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 10 1/2
Canadian Pacific R. 33 1/2
Chrysler Motors 42 1/2
Chrysler Credit 42 1/2
Commonwealth Edco. 38 1/2
Consolidated Edison 44 1/2
Coca-Cola 24 1/2
Coca-Cola Bottling 24 1/2
Diamond Alkali 50 1/2
DuPont de Nemours 80 1/2
Eastman Kodak 80 1/2
Ford Motor 35 1/2
General Electric 40 1/2
General Foods 40 1/2
General Motors 43 1/2
Getty Oil 47 1/2
Glidden 47 1/2
Hercules Chemical 12 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand 87 1/2
International Nickel 120 1/2
Kaiser Steel 10 1/2
Loews Incorp. 30 1/2
Minnesota Mining 30 1/2
Monsanto Chemical 30 1/2
Montgomery Ward 30 1/2
National Cash Reg. 110 1/2
National Lead 40 1/2
Olin Mathieson 40 1/2
Olin Industries 40 1/2
Olin Chemical 40 1/2
Paragon American Airways 10 1/2
Paramount Pictures 28 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass 8 1/2
Radio Corporation 30 1/2
Republic Steel 40 1/2
Sears-Roebuck 40 1/2
Shaw-Walker 40 1/2
Singer Sewing Machine 10 1/2
Standard Brands 10 1/2
Standard Oil (Ind.) 30 1/2
Sterling Drug Co. 30 1/2
Stetson 30 1/2
Studebaker-Packard Corp. 30 1/2
Union Carbide 30 1/2
United Aircraft 30 1/2
U.S. Steel 40 1/2
U.S. Gypsum 40 1/2
U.S. Rubber 40 1/2
U.S. Smelting 40 1/2
Westinghouse Electric 40 1/2
Woolworth 40 1/2

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.10
Sterling notes (per £1) 10.00
Australian notes (per £1) 12.54
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 18.25
Siam tical (per 100) 27.50
Singapore (Straits) 1.90

London Foreign Exchange

Closing rates were:

New York 2.75 1/2-2.76 1/2
Montreal 2.75 1/2-2.76 1/2
Amsterdam 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Brussels 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Copenhagen 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Frankfurt 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Geneva 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Paris 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Stockholm 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2
Zurich 10.00 1/2-10.01 1/2

United Press.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

London, Dec. 27.
New Year holiday arrangements are as follows:

December 31, Monday closed all day Ceylon, Pakistan, Japan, the Netherlands, France, Sweden and Thailand.

United Kingdom Liverpool cotton morning session only. Other markets will have normal trading.

Canada: Winnipeg grain exchange morning session only. Other markets will have normal trading.

United States: New York coffee and sugar exchange, New York cocoa exchange closed all day. Following in a few days morning session only: New York produce exchange, New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges, Chicago Board of Trade, New York wooltops and grease wool, New York commodity exchange. Other markets will have normal trading.

West Germany: Hamburg coffee and sugar markets and Bremen cotton markets closed all day.

Switzerland: Zurich and Geneva stock exchanges closed all day. Other markets will be open for normal trading.

Belgium: Brussels stock exchange closed all day.


Singapore: Banks and exchange closed all day. Other markets will be open for normal trading.

New Year Day, January 1, Tuesday. All principal world markets will be closed with the exception of Bombay exchanges and bullion and London Stock Exchange, foreign exchanges and bullion market—China Mail Special.

NAMESAKES

Abraham 11, Paul 12, 2
Oratorio, 3, Prater, 4, Thomas, 5, Instrument, 6, Poole, 7, Orchestra, 8, Church, 9, Ruck, 10, Gore, 11, Amen, 12, Conductor, 13, Church, 14, Amen, 15, Vencer, 16, Amen, 17, Vencer, 18, Amen, 19, Vencer, 20, Amen, 21, Vencer, 22, Amen, 23, Vencer, 24, Amen, 25, Vencer, 26, Amen, 27, Vencer, 28, Amen, 29, Vencer, 30, Amen, 31, Vencer, 32, Amen, 33, Vencer, 34, Amen, 35, Vencer, 36, Amen, 37, Vencer, 38, Amen, 39, Vencer, 40, Amen, 41, Vencer, 42, Amen, 43, Vencer, 44, Amen, 45, Vencer, 46, Amen, 47, Vencer, 48, Amen, 49, Vencer, 50, Amen, 51, Vencer, 52, Amen, 53, Vencer, 54, Amen, 55, Vencer, 56, Amen, 57, Vencer, 58, Amen, 59, Vencer, 60, Amen, 61, Vencer, 62, Amen, 63, Vencer, 64, Amen, 65, Vencer, 66, Amen, 67, Vencer, 68, Amen, 69, Vencer, 70, Amen, 71, Vencer, 72, Amen, 73, Vencer, 74, Amen, 75, Vencer, 76, Amen, 77, Vencer, 78, Amen, 79, Vencer, 80, Amen, 81, Vencer, 82, Amen, 83, Vencer, 84, Amen, 85, Vencer, 86, Amen, 87, Vencer, 88, Amen, 89, Vencer, 90, Amen, 91, Vencer, 92, Amen, 93, Vencer, 94, Amen, 95, Vencer, 96, Amen, 97, Vencer, 98, Amen, 99, Vencer, 100, Amen, 101, Vencer, 102, Amen, 103, Vencer, 104, Amen, 105, Vencer, 106, Amen, 107, Vencer, 108, Amen, 109, Vencer, 110, Amen, 111, Vencer, 112, Amen, 113, Vencer, 114, Amen, 115, Vencer, 116, Amen, 117, Vencer, 118, Amen, 119, Vencer, 120, Amen, 121, Vencer, 122, Amen, 123, Vencer, 124, Amen, 125, Vencer, 126, Amen, 127, Vencer, 128, Amen, 129, Vencer, 130, Amen, 131, Vencer, 132, Amen, 133, Vencer, 134, Amen, 135, Vencer, 136, Amen, 137, Vencer, 138, Amen, 139, Vencer, 140, Amen, 141, Vencer, 142, Amen, 143, Vencer, 144, Amen, 145, Vencer, 146, Amen, 147, Vencer, 148, Amen, 149, Vencer, 150, Amen, 151, Vencer, 152, Amen, 153, Vencer, 154, Amen, 155, Vencer, 156, Amen, 157, Vencer, 158, Amen, 159, Vencer, 160, Amen, 161, Vencer, 162, Amen, 163, Vencer, 164, Amen, 165, Vencer, 166, Amen, 167, Vencer, 168, Amen, 169, Vencer, 170, Amen, 171, Vencer, 172, Amen, 173, Vencer, 174, Amen, 175, Vencer, 176, Amen, 177, Vencer, 178, Amen, 179, Vencer, 180, Amen, 181, Vencer, 182, Amen, 183, Vencer, 184, Amen, 185, Vencer, 186, Amen, 187, Vencer, 188, Amen, 189, Vencer, 190, Amen, 191, Vencer, 192, Amen, 193, Vencer, 194, Amen, 195, Vencer, 196, Amen, 197, Vencer, 198, Amen, 199, Vencer, 200, Amen, 201, Vencer, 202, Amen, 203, Vencer, 204, Amen, 205, Vencer, 206, Amen, 207, Vencer, 208, Amen, 209, Vencer, 210, Amen, 211, Vencer, 212, Amen, 213, Vencer, 214, Amen, 215, Vencer, 216, Amen, 217, Vencer, 218, Amen, 219, Vencer, 220, Amen, 221, Vencer, 222, Amen, 223, Vencer, 224, Amen, 225, Vencer, 226, Amen, 227, Vencer, 228, Amen, 229, Vencer, 230, Amen, 231, Vencer, 232, Amen, 233, Vencer, 234, Amen, 235, Vencer, 236, Amen, 237, Vencer, 238, Amen, 239, Vencer, 240, Amen, 241, Vencer, 242, Amen, 243, Vencer, 244, Amen, 245, Vencer, 246, Amen, 247, Vencer, 248, Amen, 249, Vencer, 250, Amen, 251, Vencer, 252, Amen, 253, Vencer, 254, Amen, 255, Vencer, 256, Amen, 257, Vencer, 258, Amen, 259, Vencer, 260, Amen, 261, Vencer, 262, Amen, 263, Vencer, 264, Amen, 265, Vencer, 266, Amen, 267, Vencer, 268, Amen, 269, Vencer, 270, Amen, 271, Vencer, 272, Amen, 273, Vencer, 274, Amen, 275, Vencer, 276, Amen, 277, Vencer, 278, Amen, 279, Vencer, 280, Amen, 281, Vencer, 282, Amen, 283, Vencer, 284, Amen, 285, Vencer, 286, Amen, 287, Vencer, 288, Amen, 289, Vencer, 290, Amen, 291, Vencer, 292, Amen, 293, Vencer, 294, Amen, 295, Vencer, 296, Amen, 297, Vencer, 298, Amen, 299, Vencer, 300, Amen, 301, Vencer, 302, Amen, 303, Vencer, 304, Amen, 305, Vencer, 306, Amen, 307, Vencer, 308, Amen, 309, Vencer, 310, Amen, 311, Vencer, 312, Amen, 313, Vencer, 314, Amen, 315, Vencer, 316, Amen, 317, Vencer, 318, Amen, 319, Vencer, 320, Amen, 321, Vencer, 322, Amen, 323, Vencer, 324, Amen, 325, Vencer, 326, Amen, 327, Vencer, 328, Amen, 329, Vencer, 330, Amen, 331, Vencer, 332, Amen, 333, Vencer, 334, Amen, 335, Vencer, 336, Amen, 337, Vencer, 338, Amen, 339, Vencer, 340, Amen, 341, Vencer, 342, Amen, 343, Vencer, 344, Amen, 345, Vencer, 346, Amen, 347, Vencer, 348, Amen, 349, Vencer, 350, Amen, 351, Vencer, 352, Amen, 353, Vencer, 354, Amen, 355, Vencer, 356, Amen, 357, Vencer, 358, Amen, 359, Vencer, 360, Amen, 361, Vencer, 362, Amen, 363, Vencer, 364, Amen, 365, Vencer, 366, Amen, 367, Vencer, 368, Amen, 369, Vencer, 370, Amen, 371, Vencer, 372, Amen, 373, Vencer, 374, Amen, 375, Vencer, 376, Amen, 377, Vencer, 378, Amen, 379, Vencer, 380, Amen, 381, Vencer, 382, Amen, 383, Vencer, 384, Amen, 385, Vencer, 386, Amen, 387, Vencer, 388, Amen, 389, Vencer, 390, Amen, 391, Vencer, 392, Amen, 393, Vencer, 394, Amen, 395, Vencer, 396, Amen, 397, Vencer, 398, Amen, 399, Vencer, 400, Amen, 401, Vencer, 402, Amen, 403, Vencer, 404, Amen, 405, Vencer, 406, Amen, 407, Vencer, 408, Amen, 409, Vencer, 410, Amen, 411, Vencer, 412, Amen, 413, Vencer, 414, Amen, 415, Vencer, 416, Amen, 417, Vencer, 418, Amen, 419, Vencer, 420, Amen, 421, Vencer, 422, Amen,

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Unhappy Wanderer

THERE are men whom wanderlust has driven along the road to greatness, and others it has turned into idle but contented tramps. Its effect upon Walter has been to set the hands of all men against him. Or so Walter's mother holds.

Walter is 20, and lives in the East End with his mother, two brothers and a sister, none of whom have been touched or troubled, as he has, by the desire to be forever on the move.

The other night Walter's wanderlust took him to the West End, and it has to be said that Walter does move in rather a groove, not to say a rut, when the wanderlust is upon him.

"Thank you," said the magistrate. "I shall ask for his previous conviction as a suspected person to be passed, and then send him to the prison for sentence. They know more about him there. It's in his own interests that they should deal with the case."

Walter's mother looked dubious and he rolled his eyes at her as he was shown out, seemed to have his doubts; but one thing she looks they exchanged made clear. She had infinite faith in her son, and he had plenty in her.

Bagdad Pact Envoys May Call On Ike

(Continued from Page 1)

The Pact and use its influence to bring about a link between NATO and the Pact.

AIR BASE WANTED

Further, Turkey, it is believed, would welcome a Strategic Air Command base in or near its territory.

Iraq has twice in the last four weeks asked urgently for jet fighter planes for its Air Force.

Pakistan has requested assurances that the visit to Washington of the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru will not slow down arms shipments to Pakistan.

Further, Iraq has urged the United States to use its influence with Syria to restore the damaged pipeline on which Iraq relies for most of its oil exports, while Iran has urged the United States to use its influence to get the Suez Canal cleared on an urgent basis as tankers carrying large amounts of Iranian oil cannot now go through the Canal.

One of these Bagdad Pact ambassadors who was at the State Department yesterday was told that the United States could not join the pact "at this time due to delicate situation in the Middle East including the present negotiations with Egypt."

Bagdad Pact countries feel United States hesitation to implement its policies with them will have no advantage unless there are real guarantees from Egypt and Syria that the Canal and the pipelines will be repaired as quickly as possible.

Having achieved little so far from their numerous visits to the State Department, it is expected they will request to see Mr. Eisenhower next month to put their pleas for United States co-operation before him.

United Press.

ALL A FANTASY
"HIS mother is here and would like to speak," the policeman said.

"Certainly," said the magistrate, and Walter's mother was shown into the witness-box.

"This is not an ordinary case," she said. "This boy's suffered from wanderlust since he was a baby. He doesn't sleep properly at night, and he always finds himself in the West End. I've never known him to steal. It's all a fantasy, those eight officers, and stealing the wallet and all that."

The magistrate glanced at his notes. No one had mentioned a wallet.

DUBIOUS
"THE boy's tried very hard," Walter's mother declared with finality.

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NEW BRUSH FIRE THREATENS WIDE AREA

Malibu, Calif., Dec. 27.

A new brush fire six miles east of the main Malibu conflagration tonight led Sheriff's officers to order the evacuation of two heavily-populated canyons before the second fire could trap residents.

The new blaze broke out about six miles east of the two-day-old fire that has swept through thousands of acres of brush and climbed to the top of the Santa Monica Mountains, from where it threatened to sweep down into the next valley.

Because of the heavy concentration of homes in the vicinity of the fire, just behind the Malibu Sheriff's sub-station, officers here put out an alert to evacuate Las Flores and Topanga canyons.

Sheriff's cars raced through the two canyons with sirens going and sounded the alarm for residents to leave the area.

Top fire officials rushed down from the main Malibu blaze to direct equipment into the battle against the second fire, which they feared could prove even worse than the fire that had defied them for the past two days, unless drastic efforts were made to control it before it flared into the residential area.

REACHES HIGHWAY
"As a precautionary measure, all ammunition and records were removed from the sheriff's sub-station but the station itself was not evacuated."

About a half-mile to the northwest of the sheriff's sub-station the fire came down to US Highway 101, main North-South traffic artery, and it was reported burning fiercely through the under-dry brush.

A preliminary estimate by fire officials was that within an hour after the fire started—shortly after dusk—it had burned a two-mile area. Deputy sheriffs returning from the scene said they saw homes burning but could give no accurate number of the number aflame.

United Press.

LEGS BROKEN
As they approached the car, the three struggling men jumped into it. Then the supposed robbery victim got out, followed by another man with a gun. The gunman fired one shot and the students ran.

But the supposed robbery victim overtook Rieff and hit him on the head, knocking him to the street. Then the man jumped back into the car and sped off.

Rieff was run over by the car and later on. Doctors found both his legs broken. After Rieff fell, one student ran back to the school to get an instructor. Rieff died later in the hospital.

One of the students told the police through their interpreters: "It was kind of weird. To us, you know, it was a silent fight, only angry faces, the negroes' mouths opening in shouting, and then that shot, which I heard quite well."

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Radio Hongkong
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"Singing Songs" Programme
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